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To: Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, National Park Service
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Director, U.S. Geological Survey

From: Jim Douglas, Director – Office of Wildland Fire 

Subject: Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Funds Execution and Continuing Resolution (CR) Wildland Fire Budget Allocations

Purpose: This memorandum provides the DOI Wildland Fire budget allocations based on Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015, Public Law (P.L.) 113-164. On September 18, 2014, Congress passed P.L. 113-164, making continuing appropriations from October 1, 2014 through December 11, 2014. The bill provides funding at the daily rate of the FY 2014 funding level including an across-the-board reduction of 0.0554 percent for funding provided in the annual appropriation.

Scope: Fire management funded programs and activities in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Park Service (NPS), the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF), and the department-wide fire activities. This memo includes allocation amounts. This memorandum supplements previously issued 2015 budget guidance provided in OWF Policy Memorandum 2014-003. Final guidance will be issued when an appropriation is enacted.

Time Frame: The P.L. 113-146 covers a period of 72 days, which is 19.73 percent of the fiscal year. The CR provisions and cautions are outlined in the Departmental memo provided as attachment 2.

Policy: In addition to the across-the-board reduction there may be additional sequestration of funds during FY 2015. The amount of a 2015 sequestration of discretionary funding will not be known until January 2015. Bureaus should execute the amount provided in the CR but keep in mind the possibility of additional sequester reductions after January. No funds have been held at the parent account to cover potential sequester of funds.

Bureau allocation amounts available during the CR period are outlined in attachment 1. Transfers of funds will occur during the week of October 20, 2014, as the financial system is not

available prior to that time. Bureaus will be notified of the Treasury transaction numbers once they are known.

Department-wide Activities: The across-the-board reductions have been applied to each of the department-wide activities. Carryover funding available from the 2014 department-wide activities has been applied to the individual activity budgets, as available. Applying the carryover reduces the amount of 2015 funding required to fund the department-wide activities.

Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR): The BAR allocation shown in attachment 1 represents the department-wide activity funding. The first quarter BAR priority projects are being ranked by the Interior Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (IBAER) team. Project funding transfers will occur as soon as recommendations by the Interior Fire Directors are received and approved. Documentation of the first quarter project funding and carryover adjustments will be documented in a subsequent budget memorandum.

2014 Asset/Resource Reporting: Bureaus should submit their 2014 actual Asset/Resource tables. Attachment 3 is provided for this purpose. Bureaus will need to update the planned numbers shown in the template to reflect the actual. These should be submitted to Kim Salwasser at the Office of Wildland Fire by December 15, 2014.

Contacts: Any questions can be directed to Denise Schmitz, Budget Officer, Office of Wildland Fire at (202) 606-0518.

cc: Interior Fire Executives
Interior Fire Directors

Attachments: DOI FY 2015 CR Allocations
Guidance for FY 2015 Funds Execution under P.L. 113-146
2014 Actual Asset/Resource Reporting Spreadsheet

Attachment 1

DOI FY 2015 CR Allocations after Service Level Agreements & Distribution of Dept.-wide Activities to Sponsoring Bureau

			Hazardous	Resilient						%
	Preparedness	Suppression	Fuels	Landscapes	BAR	Facilities	IFSP	Total	Share	
BIA	\$ 9,997	\$ 5,170	\$ 7,372	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ 373	\$ -	\$ 23,097	15.8%	
BLM	\$ 31,955	\$ 13,502	\$ 12,384	\$ -	\$ 257	\$ 505	\$ 1,181	\$ 59,784	40.9%	
FWS	\$ 5,328	\$ 1,262	\$ 3,826	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 143	\$ -	\$ 10,734	7.3%	
NPS	\$ 6,778	\$ 2,931	\$ 4,303	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 187	\$ -	\$ 14,464	9.9%	
OWF	\$ 1,135	\$ 6	\$ 608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,749	1.2%	
Parent	\$ 401	\$ 33,501	\$ 105	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,287	24.8%	
Total Estimated Funding	\$ 55,594	\$ 56,372	\$ 28,598	\$ -	\$ 3,162	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,181	\$ 146,115	100%	
% Share of Total	38.0%	38.6%	19.6%	0.0%	2.2%	0.8%	0.8%	100%		